

Minutes of the Special Economic Development Commission Meeting
October 23, 2014 – Town Hall – 8:30 a.m.

Members present:

Howard Orr, Gloria Smith, Brian Banak

Absent: R. Tracy, S. Thorner, L. Montefusco, C. D'Otreppe and
EDC Director Patrick McMahon

Chairman Howard Orr called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. He accorded voting rights to Mr. Banak for the absent Roger Tracy.

Citizen Comment: None

Minutes - Ms. Smith moved to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2014 meeting of the EDC Commission; Mr. Banak seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

The Commission discussed the timetable of the new CVS store. CVS has been approved by the Zoning and Planning Commission, and has all necessary approvals. The CVS plans are currently being reviewed by the Building Official.

Ffyer Place Redevelopment: It was noted that the same proposal presented by Mr. Tyde Richards to the EDC at their September 18 meeting was presented to the Board of Finance at their October 14, 2014 meeting.

EDC Director's Report (emailed to the Commission Oct. 23.)

*The KML bid return date has been moved back to Monday. A Town Meeting will be required to reallocate funds for the Town Hall Project to the Library Project.

*He is preparing applications for the STEAP grant program; \$250,000 for Ffyer Place redevelopment and \$250,000 for fiber extension across RT. 75 to link the Library, Bridge Street School, Senior Center, and the SVAA .

*Suffield Housing Authority – He met with the Dept. of Housing officials this week to discuss the \$800,000 upgrades to the SHA facilities. Our goal is to go out to bid in late January.

*Hilltop Farm received a \$250,000 STEAP grant; quotes for roof work and chimney work are underway.

*Bridge Street School – The ad hoc committee is meeting Oct. 30. We have architectural plans, cost estimates and a needs assessment completed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary EDC.Oct.23.2014

